

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION**H. CON. RES. _____**

Expressing the sense of Congress that August 30, 2020, be observed as the 130th anniversary of the establishment of the 1890-Institutions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WALKER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that August 30, 2020, be observed as the 130th anniversary of the establishment of the 1890-Institutions.

Whereas the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), popularly known as the “Second Morrill Act”, led to the creation of 19 historically Black land-grant colleges and universities (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103));

Whereas the 19 historically Black 1890 Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601) are identified as Lincoln University, Alcorn State Univer-

sity, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Alabama A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Southern University, Virginia State University, Kentucky State University, the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Florida A&M University, Delaware State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Fort Valley State University, South Carolina State University, Langston University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, Central State University, and West Virginia State University;

Whereas the Act of May 8, 1914 (7 U.S.C. 341), popularly known as the “Smith-Lever Act”, provided for the establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service within the Department of Agriculture for the dissemination, through land-grant colleges and universities, of information pertaining to agriculture and home economics;

Whereas since the 125th Anniversary of the 19 historically Black 1890 Institutions in 2015, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334) was enacted, which included new Federal investments, such as—

(1) the program providing scholarships for students at 1890 Institutions under section 1446 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222a); and

(2) the recognition of at least 3 Centers of Excellence at 1890 Institutions under section 1673(d) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5926(d)); and

Whereas appropriate recognition should be given to the significant contributions made by the 19 historically Black land-grant colleges and universities to the heritage, edu-

cational development, advancement, and agricultural strength of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the 130th year anniversary of the 1890 In-
4 stitutions should be observed;

5 (2) such a day should be observed with appro-
6 priate ceremonies and activities to recognize the col-
7 lective contributions that these 19 historically Black
8 land-grant colleges and universities have made to the
9 United States;

10 (3) the Second Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever
11 Act have helped the United States develop agricul-
12 tural leaders; and

13 (4) the Department of Agriculture and the Na-
14 tional Institute of Food and Agriculture should re-
15 main committed to supporting the goals of the Sec-
16 ond Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever Act.